

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:147
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005
USE OF BANNED PESTICIDES BY FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of pesticides which were reported to have been banned by the Government are still being used by the farmers;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stop the use of these pesticides; and
- (c) the further steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to curb the marketing of these pesticides especially Class Ia and Ib and II pesticides given the fact that India is a signatory to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) code of conduct?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14TH MARCH, 2004.

(a)&(b): The Government of India has so far banned 24 pesticides and placed 7 pesticides on the restricted list. Though there are no reports to suggest use of banned pesticides, Government of India has periodically issued guidelines to States which are the enforcement agencies under the Insecticides Act, 1968 informing them of pesticides banned by the Government of India.

A Task Force to supplement the efforts of the State Governments to ensure supply of quality pesticides to farmers has been established in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

The Central and the State Pesticides Testing Laboratories have been and are being continually strengthened for testing of pesticide samples drawn from manufacturers, distributors and sellers.

(c): The Registration Committee, constituted under the Act, registers pesticides for use in the country only after satisfying itself regarding their efficacy and safety to human beings and animals. In keeping with the above objectives, it has been decided not to register Class Ia or Ib pesticides without sufficient justification, even though Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Code of Conduct does not debar the use of Class Ia, Class Ib and Class II pesticides.